

Abstract of the Disclosure

Packet communication employs a multiplicity of packets with interpacket gaps made up of Idle symbols between such packets. In word encoding messages for the packet prescribed alphabet symbols are employed with certain other symbols left
5 unused. Information is advantageously added in packet communication by 1) employing unused symbols in the packet, 2) substituting in the interpacket gap symbols that are not Idle symbols but are decoded as such or, 3) using both such expedients.